This meeting was conducted virtually via electronic means using video conferencing that allowed all participants to hear one another at the same time in accordance with the Governor's First Supplemental COVID-19 State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 18, 2020. This document provides the summary notice required by the Emergency Proclamation, but does not constitute the official minutes of the meeting which will be provided at a later date.

Meeting Summary – ADSS Advisory Board Meeting July 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM (via Webex videoconference)

The Alabama Department of Senior Services held an Advisory Board Meeting Monday, July 20,2020 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was properly noticed on the Alabama Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dr. Horace Patterson at 10:09 AM. Deputy Commissioner Adam Thompson called the roll of board members and determined that those present constituted a quorum to conduct business.

ADSS Commissioner Jean Brown gave an agency update. She discussed how the agency is nimbly continuing to conduct business at the same level of efficiency as our senior and disabled populations are accustomed to during these unprecedented times. The Commissioner detailed some of the agency's current initiatives such as robotic pets, speaking engagements, and updating the website. Also, she commented on the new script that has been implemented at the front desk to encourage citizens to participate in the census.

A legislative update was provided by the members of the Alabama Legislature in attendance. Commissioner Brown read an update from Senator Jim McClendon, who was unexpectedly unable to participate in the meeting.

ADSS CFO Todd Cotton gave an update on the status of the budget and the expenditure of federal CARES Act funds.

ADSS Nutrition Director Bobbie Morris updated the members on the Elderly Nutrition Program. She was excited to report that senior centers have been able to continue providing hot meals and shelf stable meals since the centers have been closed for congregate meals.

ADSS Programs Director Nick Nyberg gave an update on his programs as well as the State Plan.

ADSS General Counsel Todd Hughes provided an update on the software RFP process.

An opportunity was given for public comments, but none were heard.

Chairman Ray Edwards called for motion to adjourn, which was made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Ann Anderson. The motion was approved and meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.